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MEMORANDUM FOR: Comptroller, OSA

SUBJECT : Organization and Functions of the Office
of Special Activities

REFERENCE : Memorandum from Comptroller, OSA Subject:
Same as above, OSA 0664-69, dated 14 Mar. 69

The attached subject documents are provided in accordance
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Deputy for Operations, OSA

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DEPUTY FOR OPERATIONS

Acts as principle advisor to the Director, Office of Special Activities, on operational matters. Responsible for timely and productive overhead reconnaissance operations. Responsible for effective management and utilization of all assets used in covert aerial reconnaissance, including vehicles, systems, and supporting elements. Responsibilities include the planning and direction of reconnaissance flight, crew training, development of operational concepts, procedures, and techniques, establishing and maintaining control of operational equipment requirements, communications in support of operations for the field units and at Headquarters, evaluation of all source intelligence of enemy capabilities in air defense, and operational weather support.

Develops plans and programs to insure operational readiness of OSA assets. Satisfies target requirements of the Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance (COMIREX) within bounds established by the 303 Committee or equivalent approving authority.

Provides staff supervision of activities engaged in command/control, operational planning, operational intelligence, weather data collection and forecasting, and communications.

CONTROL CENTER

Responsible for maintaining the Operational Control Center, furnishing a capability for oral and visual presentations.

Requests, monitors, and controls airlift support of operations, including deployment airlift, "operational product" airlift, and logistics support airlift.

Monitors operational activities of aerial reconnaissance and satellite programs.

SPECIAL ACTION STAFF

Acts as Special Assistant to the Deputy for Operations for all planning and programming activities in support of operational functions. Plans, coordinates and operates initial phases of new projects assigned to the Deputy for Operations. Coordinates the annual concept of operations for projects assigned to the Deputy for Operations as a basis for budget planning. Maintains liaison with the Deputy for Operations assigned project detachment personnel supervisors and foreign project associated liaison officers.

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INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

Provides intelligence support to the Headquarters staff, operational elements, and field detachments of OSA, including such studies, assessments, and evaluations as may be necessary to provide a firm base on which to plan operations. Maintains liaison with the Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance and SORS in order to keep abreast of the latest developments and advises the Committee on operational feasibility of their requirements. Collects and evaluates all source intelligence of enemy capabilities in air defense, in support of OSA activities. Maintains current AOB, ROB, MOB, and AAA OB world-wide. Arranges for the Intelligence Sections of the field units to receive current intelligence materials, including special intelligence. Maintains direct liaison with the Collection Guidance Staff of CIA as well as other government agencies, including JRC, NSA, and DIA.

WEATHER DIVISION

Insures that meteorological advice and operational weather support of the highest technical quality are at all times available to D/SA and his staff. Upon request acts as meteorological consultants to other CIA Directorates.

COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION

Responsible to the Director for Operations for providing Communications and related Electronics Systems support necessary to accomplish the special missions of OSA. Provides and/or develops Communications and Electronic Systems policies required for the advancement of secure operational telecommunications circuits and Electronic Data Processing circuits. Provides, as directed, communications support, including the installation, operation, and maintenance of communications facilities for other offices and staffs of the DDS&T. Responsible for research and development of new communications systems required in support of operational programs, including, but not limited to, voice, video, teletype and data.

IDEALIST DIVISION

Responsible for maintaining an operational capability to conduct IDEALIST covert aerial reconnaissance missions over denied areas. Establishes, standardizes, and monitors mission planning factors, procedures, and methods.

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